Amendments to the Claims. Material to be inserted is in **underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~strikethrough~~ or [[double brackets]]. All cancellations are without prejudice.

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method for transferring web page source data between a web server and a remote client over a computer network**, the computer network including a wide area network,** the method comprising:

receiving a request for the web page source data from the remote client at a[[n]] **server-side** acceleration device positioned on the computer network intermediate the remote client and the web server **and intermediate the web server and the wide area network;**

obtaining original web page source data from the web server, the original web page source data containing renderable character data and non-renderable character data, the renderable character data being data that affects the presentation of the web page by a browser, and the non-renderable character data being data that does not affect the presentation of the web page by a browser**, the original web page source data being in a markup language data format;**

filtering at least a portion of the non-renderable character data from the requested web page source data, thereby creating modified web page source data; and

transmitting the modified web page source data to the remote client over the computer network.

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2.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein filtering further includes filtering tags of the web page source data by rewriting tags of the web page source data in lowercase.

3.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising, after transmitting the modified web page source data to the remote client, transmitting the original web page source data to the remote client.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 3, wherein the original web page source data is sent to the remote client in response to a subsequent request from the remote client for the original, unfiltered version.

5.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising, compressing the modified web page source data before sending it to the remote client.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the web server and acceleration device are connected by a LAN.

7.   (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the acceleration device and remote client are connected by a WAN.

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8.   (Original)   The method of claim 8, wherein the WAN is the Internet.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, wherein the non-renderable character data is character data compatible with the HTTP data transfer protocol.

10.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 9, wherein the non-renderable character data is HMTL data.

11.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 10, wherein the non-renderable character data is in the ASCII format.

12.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 10, wherein the non-renderable character data includes whitespace.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 10, wherein the non-renderable character data includes comments.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 10, wherein the non-renderable character data includes meta tags.

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15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the non-renderable character data includes keywords configured to be interpreted by a search engine.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the non-renderable character data includes commands not interpretable by the remote client.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the filtering and transmitting of the modified web page source data over the computer network to the remote client are performed in less time than the original web page source can be directly transmitted from the web server to the remote client.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the file size of the modified web page source data is smaller than the original web page source data.

19. (Currently Amended) A **server-side** networking device for use on a computer network having a web server and a remote client, wherein the remote client is configured to download a web resource from the web server via the computer network, **the computer network including a wide area network,** the networking device comprising:

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a controller configured to **be connected on the computer network intermediate the web server and the wide area network, and to** obtain original web page source data from the web server, the original web page source data containing renderable character data and non-renderable character data, the renderable character data being data that affects the presentation of the web page by a browser, and the non-renderable character data being data that does not affect the presentation of the web page by a browser, **the original web page source data being in a markup language data format;**

wherein the controller is further configured to filter at least a portion of the non-renderable character data from the requested web page source data, thereby creating modified web page source data, and to transmit the modified web page source data to the remote client over the computer network.

20.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 19, wherein the controller further is configured to, after transmitting the modified web page source data to the remote client, transmit the original web page source data to the remote client.

21.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 19, wherein the controller includes a network communications program logic stored on an ASIC.

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22.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 19, wherein the controller includes a CPU coupled to a memory, and a network communications program stored in memory and executable by the CPU.

23.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 19, wherein the non-renderable character data is character data compatible with the HTTP data transfer protocol.

24.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 23, wherein the non-renderable character data is HMTL data.

25.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 24, wherein the non-renderable character data is in the ASCII format.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 24, wherein the non-renderable character data includes whitespace.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 24, wherein the non-renderable character data includes comments.

28.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 24, wherein the non-renderable character data includes meta tags.

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29.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 24, wherein the non-renderable character data includes keywords configured to be interpreted by a search engine.

30.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 24, wherein the non-renderable character data includes commands not interpretable by a browser executed on the remote client.

31.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 19, wherein the controller is configured to filter and transmit the modified web page source data over the computer network to the remote client in less time than the original web page source can be directly transmitted from the web server to the remote client over the computer network.

32.   (Previously Presented)   The networking device of claim 19, wherein the file size of the modified web page source data is smaller than the original web page source data.

33.   (Currently Amended)   A system for use in transferring web page source data over a computer network, **the computer network including a wide area network**, the system comprising:

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a web server configured to serve original web page source data over a computer network, the original web page source data containing renderable data and non-renderable data, the renderable data being data that affects the presentation of the web page by a browser, and the non-renderable data being data that does not affect the presentation of the web page by a browser, **the original web page source data being in a markup language data format;**

a remote client configured to send a request for the original web page source data to the web server; and

a[[n]] **server-side** acceleration device positioned intermediate the web server and the remote client on the computer network **and intermediate the web server and the wide area network,** the acceleration device configured to receive the request for the original web page source data from the remote client, to obtain the original web page source data from the web server, to filter at least a portion of the non-renderable data from the original web page source data, thereby creating modified web page source data, smaller in size than the original web page source data, and to send the modified web page source data to the remote client;

wherein the remote client is configured to display the modified web page source data[[; and]]**.**

34.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the filtered portion of the non-renderable data includes whitespace.

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35.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the filtered portion of the non-renderable data includes comments.

36.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the filtered portion of the non-renderable data includes hard returns.

37.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the filtered portion of the non-renderable data includes meta tags.

38.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the filtered portion of the non-renderable data includes keywords configured to be interpreted by a search engine.

39.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the acceleration device is configured to filter tags by rewriting tags of the web page source data in lowercase letters.

40.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the acceleration device is configured to cache the modified web page source data.

41.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the acceleration device is configured to send an original, unmodified version of the web page

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source data to the remote client, after sending the modified web page source data to the remote client.

42.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 33, wherein the acceleration device is configured to compress the web resource in real-time before transmission to the remote client.